

RECOGNIZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF ALLIED LANDING AT NOR-  
MANDY DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 2, 2004*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a poem written by one of my constituents, Benedict Panzarella of Plainview, NY. Mr. Panzarella is an author, journalist and poet. He served as a U.S. Army Glider Crew member at the Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. I was proud to present him recently with the Liberty Medal for his service and courage on that day. The events of D-Day inspired Mr. Panzarella's poem "Normandy."

NORMANDY

(By Benedict P. Panzarella)

Sleep tight tonight.  
Pack your gear  
Check it twice  
The time is near  
Tomorrow we go  
On board the craft  
to take us  
We know not where.  
THEY know the place  
We are to land.  
It's marked by them  
on tables of sand.  
With children's toys  
They play their games  
But this is war, WE  
May go down in flames.  
A ship of canvas  
On tubes of steel  
A motorless ship  
Pulled by a rope.  
A trailer load  
Filled with life  
(K Rations)  
And death (Gas and ammo)  
We pray the pilot  
On this night  
Will guide us true  
On this fateful flight.  
We fly in darkness  
On this flimsy craft.  
We reach our target  
At last.  
We know we're there.  
We know for sure  
Hitler's greetings  
Are loud and clear.  
The rope is cut!  
The shaking stops.  
We smoothly glide  
Over tall tree tops.  
We stop abruptly  
As we hit some poles.  
Planted by Rommel  
To clip our wings.  
We are here  
For us  
The battle  
Has just begun.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in this chamber on

June 8 and June 9, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 229, 230 and 231.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 228, "Condemning the crackdown on democracy protestors in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China on the 15th anniversary of that tragic massacre," I regret that I was unavoidably detained and therefore unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

A SALUTE TO HARLAN AND JEFF  
LEE AND JOSEPH T. EDMISTON

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute my good friends Harlan and Jeff Lee at The Lee Group and Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Director, of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, who are being honored by the Westside Urban Forum on June 11, 2004.

Harlan and Jeff Lee are receiving the Westside Prize for successfully creating liveable urban communities in urban Los Angeles while protecting the neighborhoods and the environment. The Lee Group has been one of the premier real estate development companies and market leaders in Southern California for the past six decades. I have known first hand of their good work for many years. The Lee Group is at the forefront of the "Smart Growth" movement that seeks to link jobs, housing, and economic development in compact, livable environments to revitalize urban areas and preserve open space. Their projects serve as models for future development. They address housing needs, offer affordable ownership and provide senior and disabled rental housing without sacrificing aesthetics and financial feasibility.

For many years Harlan and Jeff have been recognized for their great vision, their social consciousness and their excellent taste. They have received many well deserved accolades. In 1998, they were selected by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to participate in Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH), a new housing initiative by President Clinton. On May 4, 1998, President Clinton attended the groundbreaking for Village Green, a project of The Lee Group, to announce the national kickoff for the PATH program and designate Village Green as the first national PATH pilot site.

The first Westside Legacy Award is being presented to Joseph Edmiston and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC). His extraordinary vision and success has helped preserve, protect, restore and enhance significant open spaces in Southern California. I have known and worked with Joe for over two

decades and am pleased he has been chosen to receive this award. He helped enact the Santa Monica Comprehensive Plan which enabled me to introduce state legislation establishing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in 1979.

For the past twenty-four years, Joe, the staff, the board and volunteers of the SMMC have saved over 55,000 acres of land for public use. The SMMC has reclaimed land in Los Angeles' urban areas for innovative park use.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to my good friends and distinguished individuals, Harlan and Jeff Lee and Joe Edmiston for their outstanding contributions to our community.

CO-SPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 4061

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in regards to H.R. 4061, the Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Act of 2004, which passed the House International Relations Committee by unanimous consent on March 31st.

On May 5th the International Relations Committee filed House Report 108-479.

Because House rules prohibit the addition of co-sponsors to a bill once the committee report has been filed, I am not able to formally add another Member of Congress as a co-sponsor of this legislation.

I ask that the record show that Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts is in support of my bill and should be considered by this body as a co-sponsor of H.R. 4061.

HONORING THE SHEDD AQUARIUM

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my best wishes to everyone associated with Chicago's John G. Shedd Aquarium on the occasion of its Gala 2004 Night Tide Tango.

Chicagoans are very proud to be home to the world's largest indoor aquarium. More than two million visitors who travel to our city to visit this lakefront treasure each year discover a diverse and contemporary institution dedicated to conservation, education and family fun.

The gala event, to be held on June 12, gives me the opportunity to commend so many committed Chicagoans who have dedicated countless hours ensuring that the aquarium remains one of our city's brightest gems.

I want to specifically recognize Chairman Stephen Byron Smith, Senior Vice Chairman Philip D. Block III, President and CEO Ted Beattie, and Gala Chairmen, Paula Epstein and Linda Mengelt. Each deserves high praise for devoting their time and energy to this undoubtedly worthwhile cause.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my admiration for the museum's originality and innovation. Visitors can enjoy the

marine mammal pavilion featuring the crowd-pleasing beluga whales and Pacific white-sided dolphins, and I continue to be particularly impressed by the aquarium's emphasis on conservation and preservation.

The Shedd Aquarium has also developed some of the most innovative preservation projects in the nation. These include breeding programs for animals such as the Tahitian land snail, African cichlids fish and West Indian rock iguanas, and Project Seahorse, which is working for the longterm survival of wild populations of seahorses in the Philippines.

Most recently, the Shedd Aquarium opened the Wild Reef, an incredible exhibit with the most sharks in captivity anywhere on the planet. And we are looking forward to the new children's exhibit on sea stars.

The Shedd Aquarium is much more than one of our city's top tourist destinations—it is also a place where students can learn about the importance of saving our environment and where researchers spend countless hours trying to preserve marine life.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored on behalf of the Fifth District and indeed all of Chicago to call attention to all of the meaningful work occurring at the Shedd Aquarium at the time of its 2004 gala event. I offer my heartfelt thanks to those officers, leaders, scientists, researchers and staff members who have dedicated their lives to ensuring that one of Chicago's favorite institutions is also making its impact felt throughout the rest of the world.

**HONORING CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER 5 ERIC L. SNOW**

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our great military servicemen, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Eric L. Snow, for his service to our country. CW5 Snow served the United States for 38 years and he will retire on June 11, 2004 whereupon he will reside in Las Vegas, Nevada. His service assignments have sent him to Vietnam, Panama, and Haiti. His dedicated exemplary service has earned him the Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and a United Nations Medal.

As we celebrate our patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day and July 4, I reflect upon the many opportunities and privileges that we as citizens enjoy because of the sacrifices of our military men and women. I stand here today in honor of one such individual whose life has been dedicated to his country. It is my hope that we as Americans remember the sacrifices of these brave men and women, not only on patriotic holidays, but all year, as they serve to protect and preserve those essential freedoms we enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Snow has served his country with honor and I urge the House to join me in thanking him for his service to our country.

**IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD PLANK**

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, Arnold Plank was my wonderful friend. He was blessed with smarts, passion, vision and athletic prowess.

Arnold was among a handful of my constituents who captured my attention early in my political career. He made a huge difference to my life and my ability to serve the people of the 36th Congressional District. For him, education was an adventure and an opportunity. His special gift was his ability to share that passion with others.

He's left us much too early, and leaves a huge void. Somehow, running a 10K will be less fun and much harder without him. Just having him at my side seemed to make my feet feel a little lighter.

My thoughts and thanks are with Arnold's wife Janice, his daughters Rhonda and Lisa, and their four grandchildren. My thoughts are also with the school kids, parents and administrators who benefitted from knowing Arnold, and with those who, sadly, will miss an extraordinary opportunity to learn from him.

**CONGRATULATING KRISTEN MURPHY  
ON WINNING THE PATRIOTISM  
ESSAY CONTEST**

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Kristen Murphy and congratulate her on winning the top national award for the Fleet Reserve Patriotism Essay Contest.

As a typical 18-year-old from Pensacola, Florida, she usually joined the rest of her community celebrating America's most patriotic holiday, the 4th of July, by spending time with friends and family, and participating in traditional Pensacola events. Little did she know that one day soon, her father, Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Scott Murphy, would be deployed to Iraq. From that day forth, "patriotism" took on a whole new meaning to Kristen.

Starting out as a class assignment and 350 words later written on "What Patriotism Means to Me," she took home the top national award, earning more than \$20,000 in savings bonds from the Fleet Reserve Association.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to share with you Kristen's award winning essay.

"When I think of the word patriotism, many images and words come to mind. Over this past year, though, the actual meaning of the word has changed considerably for me. A year ago, patriotism simply meant hanging an American flag on our flagpole in the front yard and barbecuing out on the Fourth of July. Since my dad has been deployed and is now stationed overseas in the heat of battle, my perception of patriotism has changed drastically. Patriotism no longer means showing support for my country through waving a flag during a Fourth of July parade. It has now become a way of life.

A year ago, patriotism meant knowing that many nameless, faceless soldiers did their job to keep me free. It meant going to the Blue Angels show on the beach or showing support for my country through a bumper sticker or a ribbon attached to my car antenna. It meant knowing that I lived in a free country where I enjoyed more rights than most but not caring how I got those rights.

But now, that meaning has changed. Patriotism means knowing that my dad and others like him are fighting for our freedom, and it means being behind them 100 percent. It means honoring all those that have fought for this great country and knowing that I am free and safe because of them. It means realizing that without our brave soldiers and courageous leaders, we would not be the great country that we are today. It means living life every day knowing that thousands of men like my dad are the only reason why I can get up every morning and know I am free. Patriotism now means being truly proud that I was born and live in the greatest country in the world and that I am protected because of the greatest military in the world. Patriotism now means being truly proud of my dad and knowing he is doing his job for me."

Mr. Speaker, these words are an inspiration to all who hear them. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Miss Kristen Murphy on her national achievement and for sharing a glimpse of what patriotism means to her with the rest of our great Nation. May God bless all of our military men and women overseas and may God bless America.

**CONGRATULATING REPRESENTATIVE  
ROBERT BADHAM**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, this week, as we mourn the passing and commemorate the life of Ronald Reagan, we have another occasion for unabashed celebration. My predecessor in this office, Representative Robert Badham, who blazed trails for President Reagan in Sacramento and in Washington, celebrates his 75th birthday today.

Bob Badham won election to the California State Assembly at a remarkably young age, four years before Ronald Reagan won the governorship. He won election to the U.S. House of Representatives four years before Governor Reagan won the presidency. As soon as he arrived in Washington he was elected president of his incoming class of Members, and he remained a leader throughout his tenure here. From the 117 feet of his records held by the University of California at Irvine to the GOP records stored by the Policy Committee on the fourth floor of the Longworth House Office Building, Bob's name stands out as one of our party's most energetic spokesmen and most articulate advocates for our agenda; as an active litigator for electoral fairness; as an international diplomat supporting our critical security alliances; and as a Member of Congress who set a standard for constituent service and attention that I must work very hard to approach.

Most significantly, as Bob rose to becoming the ranking Member on the House Armed